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November 9, 1922. In connection with the above matter, Operative proceeded to Trenton, N.J.,

Upon arrival at Trenton, N.J., Operative proceeded to the house at # 336 South Broad St., and made inquiries concerning Mrs. Easton or Gibson - Nobody at that address had ever heard of Mrs. Easton or Mrs. Gibson.

The store at # 336 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J., which was formerly occupied by Mrs. Easton is now a clothing store and tailor shop being conducted by a Mr. M. Schwartz. Mr. Schwartz has occupied the above mentioned store for at least the past five years.

Operative canvassed the neighborhood at #336 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J., and found several people who remembered Mrs. Easton, but could not recall anything definite concerning her.

At # 332 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J., Operative found a Mr. H. Silverstein, who conducts an oilcloth and shade store at that address. Mr. Silverstein and his daughter advised Operative that they remembered Mrs. Easton, but that they could not say anything one way or the other concerning her. Mr. Silverstein did say, "she is not a nice lady, she moved away owing me money."

Operative next proceeded to Second Precinct Police Station and made inquiries for Sergeant John W. Zenker. Operative was advised that Sergeant Zenker was off duty and would not be on until 10 p.m.

Operative then proceeded to the vicinity of Center and Lator Sts, Trenton, N.J., and upon making inquiries in that locality, found Charles Dalsell who said that he knew Bill Whittaker very well, in fact he had gone to school with Whittaker when a boy over in the Borough. Mr. Dalsell advised Operative that Bill Whittaker fished for Shad in the Spring of the year with Shorty Ferguson, and Birton, and that Bill Whittaker and Birton peddled fish together.

Mr. Dalsell advised Operative that Bill Whittaker should be about 34 years of age at the present time.

From Mr. Dalsell, Operative learned that Bill Whittaker had five (5) brothers, and three (3) sisters; namely, Harry, Fred, Raymond, Tom and John- the sisters were, Lizzie, Hazel, and May. Mr. Dalsell further stated that he remembered the time when Fred Whittaker was hit by a baseball bat and taken to a hospital where he died.

At about 10 p.m. Operative proceeded to the Second Precinct Police Station on South Broad St., Trenton, N.J., and interviewed Sergeant John W. Zenker.

Sergeant Zenker upon mustering the men in at 11 o'clock read to them the anonymous letter which Operative exhibited advising him that the same had been received by Mrs. Hall at New Brunswick, N.J. Sergeant Zenker secured some data from several officers, including Officer Kul p, which he embodied in a statement that he signed and gave to Operative. The said statement signed by Sergeant John W. Zenker is herewith submitted with this report.

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Officer Maloney advised Operative that he is under the impression that there was a Warrant issued for a married man who was stopping with a woman in one of the furnished rooms in the house operated by Mrs. Easton at #336 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J., and that he and another Officer went there and placed this particular man under arrest. Officer Maloney could not remember the name of the man or the approximate date of the arrest.

Sargeant John W. Zenker led Operative to believe that Mrs. Easton conducted a house of questionable character at #336 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J.

Upon leaving the Second Precinct Police Station at 12.30 a.m., November 10, 1922, Operative proceeded to the Hotel and discontinued.

November 10, 1922. Continuing on the above matter, Operative proceeded to the corner of Adeline & Elm St., Trenton, N.J., and there interviewed a Mrs. Nellie Garrett, the widow of Jacob B. Garret.

Mrs. Garrett is conducting a saloon at the above mentioned address. Mrs. Garrett advised Operative that she was a sister to Bill Whittaker's mother and that she was Bill Whittaker's Aunt.

Mrs. Garrett advised Operative that Bill Whittaker left his mother in want and went to live with a Mrs. Easton who conducted a second-hand store and furnished room house at Broad and Chestnut St., Trenton, N.J., and later moved to 336 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J. Mrs. Garrett said that Bill Whittaker was a shiftless young man, and did not care to work, and that while Bill Whittaker's mother was dying with consumption he failed to provide her with any help, and in fact when she died they had some difficulty in finding him so that he might be at the funeral.

Mrs. Garrett then suggested that Operative call and see a Mrs. Maggie Ferry, at #929 Beatty St., Trenton, N.J., stating that she was her sister and also an Aunt of Bill Whittaker.

Operative then proceeded to #929 Beatty St., Trenton, N.J., and interviewed Mrs. Maggie Ferry. Mrs. Ferry advised Operative that she was a sister of Bill Whittaker's mother, and that she was Bill Whittaker's Aunt.

Mrs. Maggie Ferry advised Operative that her sister (Bill Whittaker's mother) had a very hard time of it with her husband, as he was a drinking man and that she finally died from consumption although no one in her family from a way back had ever died or been affected with such an illness. She attributes Bill Whittaker's mother's ailment to the neglect of his father. Mrs. Ferry stated that Bill Whittaker was apparently willing to work, but that work was not so plentiful, and it was not so easy to get a job. She stated that Bill Whittaker's mother had had thirteen (13) children, and that some of them had died and others were living. Mrs. Ferry knew of the Easton woman and said that Bill Whittaker had lived with her, but that Mrs. Easton was very kind to Bill's mother, in fact Mrs. Easton bought the shroud in which Bill's mother was buried.

Being unable to gain any further information at the last mentioned place, Operative proceeded to #330 1/2 Centre St., Trenton, N.J., and there interviewed Mrs. Jack Whittaker, a sister-in-law of Bill Whittaker.

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Mrs. Jack Whittaker advised Operative that she did not know much concerning the Whittaker family, as she had not married into the family until after the mother had died. She advised Operative that her father-in-law Mr. Whittaker passed away seven years ago last March. Mrs. Jack Whittaker advised Operative that she had often heard her husband speak of the Easton woman, and that Bill Whittaker worked for her and lived with her, but that she had never seen the Easton woman nor did she know just where her store was located on South Broad Street. Mrs. Jack Whittaker said that she had also heard her husband talk about how his brother Fred had died from the effect of being struck by a baseball bat about seventeen years ago. It is Mrs. Jack Whittaker's impression that her mother-in-law (Mrs. Whittaker) has been dead for about ten or eleven years.

Upon leaving the Centre Street address, Operative proceeded to #528 Shiller Ave., White City, Trenton, N.J., and there interviewed Mrs. Lizzie Dumbusky, a sister of Bill Whittaker.

Mrs. Dumbusky advised Operative that her brother Bill had gone to live and work for Mrs. Easton about twelve or fourteen years ago, when Mrs. Easton had a second hand furniture store at Chestnut & South St., Trenton, N.J., and that he also was with Mrs. Easton when she had her place at #336 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J., and as far as she knows, her brother Bill left Trenton, N.J. with Mrs. Easton about eight or nine years ago. Mrs. Dumbusky said that she had heard that her brother Bill was on a pig farm somewhere near New Brunswick, N.J., but that she did not know where. Mrs. Lizzie Dumbusky said that after her mother had died, Mrs. Easton would call at the house and pay her a visit quite often, but that her father fooled with Mrs. Easton so much that she stopped coming there. Mrs. Dumbusky admitted that her father was a heavy drinker and that her mother died of consumption, and that Bill was away from home living with Mrs. Easton, and not contributing to the maintenance of his mother. Mrs. Dumbusky advised Operative that when Mrs. Easton lived in Trenton, N.J., she had a son by the name of Bill Easton, and that Bill Easton should be about 22 years of age; she describes him as being a tall, dark, thin fellow. She further said that Mrs. Easton while in Trenton, N.J., also had an adopted daughter by the name of Alice, and that Alice at the present time should be about 20 years of age. Mrs. Dumbusky describes her brother Bill Whittaker, as being a short, stocky built fellow with dark hair. Mrs. Dumbusky advised Operative that Mrs. Easton was very kind to her mother and often brought her mother little presents.

Upon leaving the home of Mrs. Dumbusky, Operative next proceeded to #122 Overlook Ave., White City Park, Trenton, N.J., and there interviewed Mrs. Harry Whittaker, a sister-in-law of Bill Whittaker.

Mrs. Harry Whittaker advised Operative that she and her husband had been the main support and maintainers of the Whittaker family for a long while, and that although Bill was the eldest son, he had never done anything for his mother, sisters and brothers, and that it was always left up to her and her husband.

Mrs. Harry Whittaker said that in the early days, her father-in-law, Mr. Whittaker, was a plow-maker, then later on became a barber, and eventually worked in the potteries, and at one time made good money, and was buying a row of houses on Bank St., Trenton, N.J., but that when he got to be about 32 to 35 years of age he started drinking very heavily, and thereafter was almost always drunk.

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Mrs. Harry Whittaker said that she knew Mrs. Easton very well, but that Mrs. Easton had no use for her for the fact that at one time there was a farm to let out opposite the Municipal Hospital, and that Mrs. Easton wanted to rent this farm and have Harry Whittaker and his wife run it for her. Mrs. Harry Whittaker said that the reason she did not run this farm for Mrs. Easton was that Mrs. Easton was too bossy and domineering.

Operative learned from Mrs. Harry Whittaker that while old Mrs. Whittaker was dying with consumption, Mrs. Easton made an effort to buy from her (Mrs. Harry Whittaker) the insurance policy which she had on old Mrs. Whittaker. Mrs. Harry Whittaker said that old Mr. Easton was always drunk and just done a little work around the second-hand shop.

Mrs. Harry Whittaker told Operative that it was just like Mrs. Easton to be out riding at night on a mule, as when she was in Trenton, she was out doing the same thing, always out spying on somebody, and imagining someone was stealing something from her.

It seems that while Mrs. Easton was living at #336 South Broad St., Trenton, N.J., there was a Mrs. Serena, alias "Salvation Anne" living in the first house on Overlook Avenue, White City Park, Trenton, N.J., and that upon hearing Mrs. Harry Whittaker mention the name of Easton, said, "Why that is my sister." A short time after the above mentioned remark was made Mrs. Easton and Mrs. Serena met in the presence of Mrs. Harry Whittaker - at that time Mrs. Easton openly denied that she was the sister of Mrs. Serena. Some time later when Mrs. Easton was taken sick, she wrote a letter to Mrs. Serena in which she said to the effect - "I would like to have you come over and take care of me, as there is no care like a sister's care." In compliance with the above letter Mrs. Serena did go and take care of Mrs. Easton while she was sick. Mrs. Harry Whittaker told Operative that at one time Mrs. Serena told her that Mrs. Easton had a husband in prison.

Upon conclusion of the last named interview, Operative proceeded to the railroad station, boarded a train for New York City, and discontinued.

Trenton, N.J.

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To Whom it might Concern,

This is to Certify that I as Sargeant of Police at the Second District Police Station at Trenton, N.J. as to What I know in Regards to a Report that was in the Trenton Times about a one Mrs. Jane Giberson of New Brunswick, N.J. I First became acquainted with Mrs. Giberson She Kept a Small Second Hand Store on Chestnut Ave and Lived with who she said was her Husband name Easton and he dealt in old Broken down Horses and Later she Lived on Broad St. near Market St. and Cept a second Hand store and Rented her Rooms up Stairs to People that came along and they were of the undesirable set as she Made them Pay for the Room be fore she would let them Stay, and she had considerable Truble with them as I Sent Patrol Kulk and Meedy there on several differet occasions on account of Truble with the Roomers. Now this Young Man William Whittaker lived thare and Worked for her at Chestnut Ave and also Broad St, so Officer Harry Tindall said and I remember seeing him thare at the Time, and Whittakers Father Worked at Temans Bowling Alley on South Broad St and lived in Herschs Alley and also lived on Harding st near Broad St and His Mother Name was Patterson before her Marrage and she was the Daughter of Charles Patterson who worked at the John A Reebeling Plant and lived at the cor of Clark and Elmer St, about 25 years of age, Whittaker Father also worked at Cutters Bakery on Pearl St near Hudson St, and William Whittaker Brother was hit with a Base Ball bat several years ago and died fromthe Affects, Mrs. Whittakers Sister formely fived at the cor of Adelije and Harding St and her Second Husbands name was Jake Garret, her first Husband name was Peater Pflager and they lived on Whittaker Ave near Emery Ave, Now, the Following Officers Knews these People Patrol Tindall Kulp, Meedy, Malone and My Self, Y

Yours Truly,

Serg of Police,

P.S. Tindall said the Reason that Easton Left Her was on account of Young Whittaker beeing to intamate with his Wife,